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September 28, 2012

TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES' INTENT TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

This is to advise the Board of the Department of Health Services' intent to exercise its delegated authority, approved on July 19, 2011 (attached), to execute amendments to extend the term of two Patient Navigator Program (Program) Memorandum of Understanding Agreements (H-703524 and H-705140) with the American Cancer Society, California Division, Inc. (ACS). The ACS Program provides cancer related information, resources and referral services to cancer patients and their families, at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (Harbor) and LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC), at no net County cost.

As a result of these two Amendments, ACS will continue the Program at Harbor and LAC+USC until ACS either can no longer fund the Program or one of the parties decide to terminate the Agreements. Currently, Harbor's Agreement will expire on October 6, 2012, and LAC+USC will expire on July 18, 2013. While LAC+USC's Agreement is not expiring at this time, for consistency of terms, this Agreement is also being amended. Considering the overall benefits this Program provides to the County's cancer patients and their families, and the fact that it is provided at no cost to the County, allowing the Agreements terms to be continuously in effect, without further action by the parties, is appropriate.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendments as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



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**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding with the American Cancer Society, California Division, Inc., for a Patient Navigator Program at LAC+USC Medical Center and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services to effectuate other future related actions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of the Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Cancer Society, California Division, Inc. (ACS), effective upon Board approval, for two years, to implement a Patient Navigator Program (Program), for cancer patients and their families at the Department of Health Services' (DHS) LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC), at no net County cost, and delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to extend the term for up to two additional years.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to authorize and execute no cost amendments to the MOU for LAC+USC MC and existing Program MOU No. H-703524 for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC), to extend the term of each MOU, at no net County cost, following the approval of County Counsel and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive

Office (CEO).

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute future no-cost MOUs with ACS, with substantially similar terms and conditions, to expand the provision of the Program to other County healthcare facilities, and execute amendments to such MOUs to extend the term, at no net County cost, following the approval of County Counsel and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On October 7, 2008 your Board approved a MOU with ACS for implementation of a Program at H-UCLA MC. DHS and ACS desire to implement the same Program at LAC+USC MC, and expand to other County healthcare facilities.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee to execute an MOU, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with ACS to implement a Program at LAC+USC MC to assist cancer patients and their families by providing personalized and reliable cancer information, resource referral, and timely follow-up. The Program goal is to assist with the delivery of information on available programs and services for patients undergoing cancer treatment.

The second recommendation will delegate authority to the Director, or his designee to execute no-cost amendments to the MOU for LAC+USC MC and H-UCLA MC's existing MOU to extend the term of each MOU in the event that ACS provides funding for the Program for additional years. The third recommendation will authorize the Director, or his designee, to execute similar MOUs with ACS to expand the Program to other County healthcare facilities, and execute future amendments to extend the term of these MOUs at no cost to the County. In the event DHS exercises the delegated authority in these two recommended actions, prior approval will be obtained from County Counsel, and notice will be provided to your Board and the CEO.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health of the County's Strategic Plan

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

ACS received funding from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP for the development and implementation of the Program site at LAC+USC MC. ACS will provide one full time qualified staff member to provide Program services at no cost to the County. LAC+USC MC will provide office space and office equipment as stated in the MOU. No County personnel will be hired for the Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ACS is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. ACS has placed an emphasis on targeting medically underserved patients, further maximizing the impact of their program.

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On October 7, 2008 your Board approved the first patient navigator program at H-UCLA MC and it has been operating with great success. The new program at LAC+USC MC will serve the same targeted population, in the same manner, to achieve the same objectives.

ACS' Program will provide cancer-related referral services at LAC+USC MC for up to 40 hours per week. The services will be provided as a result of patient self-referral or referral by a physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, social worker, or nutritional staff. The services offered through the Program are consistent with the stated mission and objectives of DHS.

The MOU will become effective for a two-year period from the date of Board approval and may be terminated for convenience by either party upon 60 days advance written notice. Since this is a non-financial agreement which mutually benefits both organizations, the parties have agreed to mutual indemnification. The Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch and County Counsel concur with this approach. At the end of the two years, if non-County funding is available to fully offset the cost of the Program and the parties mutually agree to continue the Program, the MOU may be extended for an additional term of up to two years under delegated authority, following approval by County Counsel. ACS has expressed the possibility of expanding the Program in the future to other County healthcare facilities if funding is available.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for enhanced services to cancer patients at DHS facilities.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors